



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Maryland's Social Services Agency



EVENTS CALENDAR

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**PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING BEING OFFERED TO YOUTH
TRANSITIONING FROM FOSTER CARE**

BALTIMORE – The Foster Care Alumni of America (FCAA) and the Maryland Foster Youth Resource Center (MFYRC) are hosting a training on public speaking for youth who have recently transitioned or are preparing to transition out of foster care. The training will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The full day session offers an opportunity for youth to get connected to others who share their foster care experience and to learn how to use their voices to bring about positive change in the foster care system.

The training will be held at the Kennedy Krieger Family Center in Baltimore and will include sessions on sharing personal foster care experiences and fundamentals of effective public speaking. Social Workers and Child Welfare Professionals are welcome to attend as well. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

WHAT: Training sessions on public speaking for youth transitioning out of foster care.

PRESENTERS: Misty Stensli, Deputy Director, Foster Care Alumni of America (National)
Shalita O'Neale, Executive Director, MD Foster Youth Resource Center
Jackie Janesh, MD Foster Youth Resource Center
Osceola Edmondson, Deputy for Training, MD Department of Human Resources

WHEN: Saturday, February 7, 2009
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Kennedy Krieger Family Center
2901 East Biddle Street
Baltimore, MD

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call (410) 864-8949 ext. 1, or email MDChapter@fostercarealumni.org

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; and provide temporary cash, food stamps and medical assistance to families. It also administers programs for homeless persons, refugees, migrant workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 638,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency.